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New Dollars Awarded to Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Program *Medical College Central Wisconsin receives grant funding to support psychiatry residencies*

MADISON... Yesterday, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services announced grants totaling more than \$2.9 million to support new and current physician training programs. These programs, commonly referred to as Graduate Medical Education (GME), work to educate and retain local physicians by offering them residency training opportunities in Wisconsin. The Medical College of Wisconsin Central Psychiatry Resident Training Program was one of the recipients of this funding.

“Wausau is very fortunate to have a resident training program located right in our community,” said Representative Patrick Snyder (Schofield). “With these additional grant dollars, we will continue to educate and retain more psychiatrists in our area every year.”

The additional GME dollars were included in the 2017-2019 state budget. Representative Snyder and Senator Petrowski were strong advocates of including the additional \$1.5 million for more physician training programs. Yesterday’s announcement is a direct result of their efforts.

“Programs like GME have a proven track record to keep physicians practicing here in Wisconsin,” continued Snyder. “These new physicians will be a critical asset to our communities who are facing a significant shortage to meet health care needs.”

Graduate Medical Education programs are funded by a matching program combining state and health system dollars. By 2021, it is estimated Wisconsin will have 73 new medical residents as a result of these programs.

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